

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are pending in the present application and have been rejected by the examiner. Claims 1-23 have been canceled herein and claims 24-47 have been added. Applicant respectfully traverses each ground of rejection and requests reconsideration and further examination of the application under 37 CFR § 1.111. Applicant responds to each ground of rejection and objection as follows.

A. The Office Action reminded the applicant of the proper format for an Abstract.

The Office Action reminded the applicant of the proper format for an abstract. A new abstract has been added herein to comply with the current requirements for an abstract.

B. Claims 1-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1-23 of prior U.S. Patent No. 6,208,973. This is a double patenting rejection.

Claims 1-23 have been canceled herein, and the rejection is now believed to be moot. Claims 24-47 have been added and are believed to be allowable over the references of record.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests such action. Should it facilitate allowance of the application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney.

A check in the amount of \$493.00 is enclosed for a three-month extension of time (\$475.00) and the two additional claims (\$18) added herein for which Applicant has not previously paid. No additional fees are believed to be necessary, however, should any fees be deemed required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but is not to include payment of issue fees.

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